

TOTAL "FLU" CASES NOW 385 WITH 55 REPORTED TODAY

BROWN SAYS PEAK OF EPIDEMIC HAS NOT BEEN REACHED—SEVEN DEATHS THIS WEEK FROM PNEUMONIA—MORE NURSES WANTED.

The influenza epidemic in Bridgeport added another death to the list today, bringing the total number of deaths from the disease to three while during the past week the total number of deaths from pneumonia, from all sources, is seven. Today there were 55 new cases of influenza reported at the Health department making the total so far 385.

Speaking of the total of seven deaths from pneumonia this week Dr. Walter H. Brown, health officer, stated today that this is about the average number for this time of the year and that indications are that influenza is developing into pneumonia far less frequently than in other years. "It is a fact," said Dr. Brown, "the 'flu' this year is comparatively mild compared to that of other times. The deaths are far less in number and all of the cases seem to be of less violent nature. We have not probably yet reached the 'peak' of the epidemic but even when that comes I do not think it will be found to be nearly as high as previously."

Dr. Brown stated further that orders had been given all jitney men in the city to keep their buses ventilated and to enforce the regulations in regard to spitting, coughing and sneezing in their cars. The drivers of jitneys are to keep the front doors open, thus assuring sufficient ventilation in the interior and they are also to do their utmost to enforce the health regulations.

Charles A. Wheeler of the Traffic department, co-operating with Dr. Brown has issued orders to all the traffic officers to act immediately upon complaint that any jitney driver is not enforcing the health regulations. Complaints made by any person to either the Health department or the Traffic department, that a jitney driver is not doing his best to carry out these regulations, will be followed by an investigation, the ultimate penalty for laxness or infringement being loss of the jitney license.

Placards containing the health warnings have been distributed by the Health Department throughout the city and in the factories and ignorance of the regulations will not be accepted as an excuse by the authorities.

Dr. Brown reiterated today his previous statements on the shortage of nurses in the city and again urges all those who can in any way carry out this work to get into communication with the Health Department immediately. "With sufficient nurses," said Dr. Brown, "we would be extremely well prepared for this epidemic, this being the only hampering condition which we have to meet."

MERCURY DROPS 40 DEGREES IN LAST 12 HOURS

Thermometers Hover Around Zero Mark This Morning

A drop of between 35 and 42 degrees greeted Bridgeporters when they awoke this morning from their slumbers. Late yesterday and last night the thermometer stood around 35 and 40, depending on the location of the thermometer while this morning the mercury hovered very close to the zero mark.

At various spots in the city early this morning the mercury stood around 4, 5 and 6 above while in the outskirts of the city the zero mark was reached and in certain sections of Milford below zero marks were registered.

January has given a wide and varied range of weather. There have been days as warm as summer, days as cold as the coldest of any winter, snow storms and rain showers, freeze and thaw. Evidently determined to go out in a blaze of glory old January tightened up in great shape last night, tightened up so much that everything was cracking this morning.

Boston, Jan. 31.—This city experienced the sharpest weather of the winter today with the mercury at minus eight and a northeast wind blowing strong.

There was only a slight rise during the morning, the temperature remaining several degrees below zero at noon. This was in contrast with a maximum of forty-two degrees yesterday.

Greenville, Maine, with 28 below and Northfield, Vt., with 24 below, — the lowest official readings in northern New England.

**FIRE DAMAGE
OVER \$100,000;
TENANTS FLEE**

New York, Jan. 31.—Fire of unknown origin early today damaged the two upper floors of a building occupied by the Simplex Precision Machine Company, manufacturers of motion picture machines on East 24th street. Motion picture films and machinery, valued at \$100,000 were de-

VESSEL WITH CARGO OF MILK IN BAD PLIGHT

London, Jan. 31.—Reports that the British steamer Willomino, bound from New York to Danzig with supplies for the people of Poland, has gone aground off Farø, Norway, are viewed in a serious light here. The vessel carried a cargo of milk and other food especially adaptable to feeding children which would have met pressing demands at Warsaw for two months.

In semi-official quarters it is said there is no indication the vessel will be floated very soon.

Hungary Given More Time On Peace Treaty

DELEGATION INFORMED PERIOD GIVEN IT TO FORMULATE OBSERVATIONS IS EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 12

WAR PREVENTS ALIEN ENEMIES NATURALIZATION

800 Petitions To Be Heard Next Week At High Court Sessions.

Owing to the fact that the peace treaty has not been ratified by the country 400 alien enemies, whose citizenship petitions have been carried on the records of Naturalization Clerk Frank P. Munich since before the declaration of war, will not be heard at the naturalization session which will start next week at the county court house. The government has ruled that these petitioners are still technically alien enemies.

There are over 800 petitions to be heard at the coming session which will start next Tuesday with Judge John E. Keeler on the bench. The hearings will be held four days next week, closing Friday. On the Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week there will be special hearings of soldiers' petitions. There are 250 former service men who have filed applications.

United States Examiner Allen Church will come to this city to question the applicants. He has already held a preliminary examination in order to dispose of the totally unfit to take the examination.

SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH IN PITTSBURG FIRE

100 People Driven To Street In Scanty Attire By Flames.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 31.—Seven persons are known to have been burned to death early today when fire, fanned by a high wind, destroyed fifteen temporary residences, occupied by employees of the Carnegie Steel Co.'s plant at Clairton, on the Monongahela river, 15 miles from Pittsburgh. An office building also was consumed.

The fire, thought to have started in a building used as a kitchen, entirely destroyed the sixteen structures within fifteen minutes. More than 100 occupants of the houses, which were one story frame buildings, were forced to flee in scant attire.

The Clairton fire department, assisted by the fire fighters of the Carnegie plant, tried to control the blaze, but the effort was fruitless.

As soon as the fire had burned itself out, firemen started a search of the ruins and within a few minutes seven bodies had been recovered. The search was continued, for it was impossible to ascertain if all other occupants of the houses had escaped.

REV. I. N. PHELPS DIES IN STAMFORD FROM PNEUMONIA

Stamford, Conn., Jan. 31.—The Rev. Isaac Newton Phelps, for eighty years a member of St. John's Episcopal church and in charge of the chapel, died today of pneumonia. Mrs. Phelps was born in New York City 55 years ago and in early life was in the Baptist ministry. He entered the Protestant Episcopal ministry in 1895 and for several years was a rector at Meriden. He came here in 1912.

Mr. Phelps was well known in the Masonic order and he had served as chaplain of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

ARREST RADICAL
Stamford, Conn., Jan. 31.—Torold Solberg, a piano tuner, was arrested by federal officers last night and taken to Hartford as an alleged radical.

It is said that the arrest was made on the basis of correspondence Solberg had had with a radical arrested in Kentucky and who is now held for deportation.

Hartford, Jan. 31.—The temperature here at 7:30 this morning was 6 below zero—within one degree of the winter's record. At noon the mark was 2 below. A strong northwest wind made the day seem the coldest of the season. There was a drop of 40 degrees between 6 P. M. Friday and 7:30 this morning.

To remove stains from clothes (if of chocolate or cocoa) sprinkle the stains with borax and warm water, soak 1 hour, then rinse well with

Paris, Jan. 31.—Hungary has been allowed additional time to consider the peace treaty submitted by the Allied powers. The Hungarian delegation was informed today that the time given it to formulate observations regarding the peace terms had been extended to Feb. 12.

Copenhagen, Jan. 31.—A Budapest dispatch today quotes the newspaper Szozat of that city as stating it understands that Brig. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz, U. S. A., American military representative in Budapest, has offered to Premier Huszar "the support of America for the Hungarian peace delegation."

The newspaper adds that General Bandholtz will accompany the Hungarian delegation when it returns to France and give to the peace conference a report of the impressions he has received on the situation during his stay in Hungary.

A Budapest dispatch dated January 30, and received in this country on January 30 announced that Brig. General Bandholtz was soon to leave for Paris, and that he would be relieved by Grant Smith, former acting minister of Denmark.

37 MEMBERS OF I. W. W. UNDER INDICTMENT

List Includes Haywood and Secretary Whitehead.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Indictments against 37 members of the I. W. W. were returned this morning by the special grand jury investigating radical activities.

Chief among those indicted were William D. (Big Bill) Haywood, former secretary of the organization, now at liberty from Leavenworth prison, and bond, and Thomas Whitehead, who succeeded Haywood as secretary.

The indictments complete the work of the "red" grand jury. Last week the grand jurors indicted 35 members of the Communist party and 35 members of the Communist Labor party.

The charges in all cases are conspiracy to overthrow the government and advocating the overthrow of the government by force.

The indictments of the leading figures in the three radical organizations are the outgrowth of the sensational New Year's eve roundup in which State's Attorney MacLay Hoyne, anticipating federal authority, secured at least a thousand more than 300 persons suspected of being members of three groups.

**BELGIAN STUDENT
WILL TAKE UP
RESEARCH WORK**

New York, Jan. 31.—Andre Deschamps, a graduate of Brussels University, the first Belgian scholar to come to the United States on the commission established by the commission for relief in Belgium, has arrived here, it was learned today. He will engage in research study of chemistry at an American university.

The relief foundation for Belgium, established by the commission for relief in Belgium, has arranged with Harvard, Yale, Princeton, California and Leland Stanford universities to receive two students each from Belgium. The foundation was established to perpetuate relations formed with Belgian universities by 200 American college graduates who were members of the relief commission in Belgium during the war.

MANUFACTURERS HOLD 1,318,129 LBS. OF TOBACCO

Washington, Jan. 31.—Leaf tobacco held by manufacturers and dealers January 1, aggregated 1,318,129,291 pounds, compared with 1,234,884,396 pounds a year ago.

The stocks included: Chewing smoking, snuff and export types 962,355 pounds, compared with 913,252,894 pounds a year ago; cigar types 234,303,899 pounds, compared with 251,309,951; and imported types 72,029,035 pounds, compared with 67,222,451.

**VILLA ESTABLISHES
HEADQUARTERS**
San Antonio, Jan. 31.—Francisco Villa has established headquarters at Salvo, state of Chihuahua, and the Mexican government has ordered a concentration of federal forces at Chihuahua City, in that state, according to a dispatch today from Chihuahua City to a Mexican newspaper.

Passengers Dropped In Icy Water

Many Severely Frostbitten Before Being Rescued.

NO ONE WAS BADLY INJURED

Burlington, Vt., Jan. 31.—More than a score of passengers were injured when three sleepers of the Rutland Railroad train from Boston and New York were derailed at the Grand Isle North Hero Bridge, between North Hero and Alburgh, 30 miles north of here, about six a. m. today. One sleeping car went through the drawbridge into 30 feet of water, the other two staying on the roadbed.

The passengers in the submerged sleeper were all immersed suddenly in icy water, most of them clad only in their night clothes, with the mercury at 38 below zero. Many were severely frost bitten before they were dragged out. Dr. H. S. Hill of the Falls, a railroad surgeon, was on the train and gave them immediate medical attention.

Ten persons were brought here to the Mary Fletcher Hospital and 12 others to the Hotel Vermont. All were suffering mainly from cold and it was said that otherwise no one was seriously injured. One passenger was cut by broken glass.

The cause of the accident is thought to have been a split rail.

8 CITIES AND TOWNS REFUND DEALERS' CASH

Commissioners Decline to Make Public Names of Communities.

Eight towns and cities throughout the county have refunded to the county commissioners the money due to liquor dealers for the unused portions of licenses issued for the year ending December 1, 1919. The commissioners declined to go out and ask for the money, but the towns and cities today, stating that they would make an announcement when the complete returns are in. Several weeks ago the commissioners sent notices to each town and city asking them to refund the money. When the commissioners receive the money they will return it to the dealers.

The commissioners did not care to express an opinion as to what should be done if a dealer who has been convicted in the federal court of violating the liquor law should apply for a refund. This question is causing some agitation in Hartford county, where some dealers were arrested for selling wood alcohol. The Fairfield county commissioners said the question had not come up in this county and they would wait and let State's Attorney Healy pass upon the point.

ARE TO TENDER A DINNER TO H. S. CUMMINGS

Many Well Known Bridgeporters Are Planning to Attend

On next Thursday evening, February 5th, a complimentary dinner will be tendered to Hon. Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, by the National Democratic Club at the Hotel Commodore in New York City. It is expected that at least a thousand will participate in honoring Mr. Cummings on this occasion. Prominent Democrats from all parts of the country have accepted invitations and will join with the New York Club in making the dinner not only a distinguished personal tribute to Mr. Cummings, but an important political event, at a time which really marks the opening of the national campaign.

Among the speakers will be Hon. Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, and Hon. Alfred E. Smith, Governor of New York. Mr. Cummings will also address the gathering. A large delegation will attend from this city. Reservations have already been made for the following well known Democrats: Senator George B. Clark; John J. Phelan, Jacob B. Klein, William P. Kirk, Dr. William J. McLaughlin, Postmaster Charles F. Greene, John A. Cornell, Richard Murphy, Henry E. Shannon, R. E. Donnelly, John F. Brady, Lynn W. Wilson, Dr. Philip J. McLaughlin, Frank J. Brennan, William Shaughnessy, Peter Davey, Col. James L. McGovern, Cox, T. J. Murphy, Samuel B. Plotkin and Thomas M. Cullinan.

TWO DIVORCES FILED

Cruelty was the ground in two divorce petitions filed today in the Superior Court. Mary A. Keating asks for a decree from Michael J. Keating of this city. The couple were married Nov. 28, 1912. The wife alleges cruelty since 1914.

Charles W. Pape of this city wants marital freedom from Caroline Pape of this city. The wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Volk, was married to the plaintiff Nov. 23, 1909. Both suits are returnable to the February.

TO START JAP COLONIZATION ON WEST COAST

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 31.—Baron Otori, Japanese minister to Mexico, has made arrangements with the Mexican federal government and with agencies in Japan for the colonization of several thousand Japanese in the states of Sonora, Lower California, Sinaloa and Colima, on the west coast, according to a dispatch from Mexico City received today by a Mexican newspaper published here.

The Mexican government, the dispatch says, has assured Baron Otori of protection from bandits.

Factories Of City To Solve Food Problems

MANY ESTABLISHING "COST" STORES WITHIN THEIR OWN CONFINES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES

The High Cost of Living is going to be hit a hard jolt in Bridgeport in the near future, especially in the line of foodstuffs, if the feeling seemingly prevalent among the manufacturers at the present time continues, and it is virtually only a question of time before the various factories of the city attempt to solve the high price problem by establishing "cost" stores within their own confines for the benefit of their employees.

Already the Acme Shear Co. in Hicks street, has established a grocery store in which all of the non-perishable staples are carried, these being sold to employees at cost price. The store was formally started Friday and since its inauguration has been a complete success, all of the Shear employees taking advantage of the low prices of the company store compared with those charged by outside dealers.

Several truck loads of goods were brought to the Shear company Wednesday and the business gained an active start Friday morning. For the present only non-perishable goods will be handled but as the store becomes more and more efficient it is planned to add perishable articles such as butter, eggs, etc., and possibly also to introduce clothing and other necessities of life.

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Strong Force Of Military Police Sent Against Yaquis

MEXICAN CONSUL ASSERTS AMERICAN SOLDIERS DESERTING POSTS AND SELLING ARMS

Washington, Jan. 31.—A picked force of military police has been sent from Mexico City to Sonora in a campaign against the Yaqui Indians, according to advices received here today. The Yaquis who went on the warpath some months ago after Gen. Elias Calles, formerly governor of Sonora, had announced the failure of his efforts to pacify them and declared the only solution of the problem was the extermination of the tribe, have raided many towns and villages in Sonora and have terrorized the country generally.

Rumor Kolchak Hoisted On Bayonets Of Own Soldiers

UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF GENERAL MYSTERY—NOT A FREE AGENT

London, Jan. 31.—The Moscow wireless service today transmitted an extract from an article from the official Bolshevik organization Pravda, stating:

"Only a few days ago Supreme Ruler Kolchak was hoisted on his soldiers' bayonets."

There has been considerable uncertainty as to the recent whereabouts of Admiral Kolchak, long-time head of the All-Russian government which was driven from Omsk and then virtually wiped out by the recent Bolshevik successes in Siberia. He has been variously reported captured by the Bolsheviks proper west of Irkutsk, arrested by social revolutionists and imprisoned at Irkutsk, and as under

FAIRFIELD COUNTY REPUBLICANS ARE MEETING TODAY

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the delegates of the Fairfield County Republican association are scheduled to meet at The Stratfield, the purpose being to choose an advisory committee and a vice president. J. A. H. Robinson, chairman of the Bridgeport town committee will be the representative of this city at the meeting. James F. Walsh of Greenwich and David Wright of Danbury have been mentioned as possibilities for the position of vice president.

OFFER PEACE TO RUMANIA.
Vienna, Jan. 28.—Dispatches from Bucharest state that the Bolsheviks are waiting at the frontier to offer peace terms to Rumania. If the terms are refused, the advices say, the Soviet troops will advance.

GOVERNMENT SAYS IT CANNOT EXECUTE ORDERS OF ENTENTE

INCLUDED IN LIST ARE FORMER CROWN PRINCE RUPPRECHT, FIELD MARSHAL VON KLUCK, VON BUELOW, AND VON DER LANCKEN.

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favor from the employees that it was thought advisable to start a retail store.

While the saving on some articles sold by the company store is not so great as in others still there is a sizeable reduction in the price of everything and added together these savings amount to a considerable sum.

At the Manufacturers' association it was said today that although the company store matter had not yet been gone into officially by that body the scheme looked on with favor by many of the manufacturers and several of them had already taken initial steps which would eventually lead to the establishment of stores similar to that of the Acme Company.

"The matter is being investigated," said George S. Hawley, general counsel of the association, "and I think it is only a question of time before active steps are taken. The idea seems to be successful wherever tried and tentative plans along these lines introduced at some other factories seem to indicate that the step would be a popular one."

"All I can say at present, however, is that the matter is being thoroughly investigated, in fact, I am investigating the matter myself, and it is not at all improbable that the manufacturers of the city will eventually take steps to solve the high cost of living problem for their employees themselves."

MRS. LEEDS TO MARRY PRINCE AT MONTREUX

King and Queen of Greece Not Bidden to Ceremony

Geneva, Jan. 31.—Mrs. William B. Leeds, who today will be married to Prince Christopher of Greece, arrived here last night from Montreal, being accompanied only by Dowager Queen Olga of Greece. She was followed by Prince Christopher and his bride, Captain Stecker, who said the Swiss civil marriage to be performed today was only a formality, as both Mrs. Leeds and Prince Christopher were members of the Greek orthodox church. He declared the real ceremony would be conducted at Montreux on Sunday, according to the rites of the Greek church. Friends and relatives of the couple are reported to be sojourning at Montreux.

It has been learned that former King Constantine and Queen Sophia of Greece were not invited to the wedding.

ERZBERGER BETTER

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Matthias Erzberger, minister of finance, who was wounded by a would-be assassin last Monday, received a number of visitors yesterday. His condition was improved, he had no fever and his heart action showed hardly any abnormal symptoms.

Lisbon, Jan. 31.—Reservations to the treaty of Versailles by which Portugal would have the right to take German property in this country as indemnity for losses incurred during the war were included in proposals for the ratification of the pact laid down by the foreign minister yesterday.

PORTUGAL WANTS RESERVATIONS

For fly paper stove, take 1-2 cup turpentine and 1-2 cup kerosene in 1-2 pint boiling water; let boil for 1 hour, then wash well in soapy water; let boil for 1 hour, then wash well in soapy water and rinse in boiling water.